

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

FIGHT FOR A RECESS IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The Senate also takes holiday—Governor McKinney endorsed—a bill to punish wife-beaters—routine proceedings of both branches.

In the House of Delegates yesterday Mr. Downing offered the following: Resolved, That when the House adjourns this day it adjourns to meet Tuesday, January 21st, at 12 M.

Mr. Downing said that a large number of members were sick, and, furthermore, a large committee was away on business, and would not return to the city until Monday evening.

Mr. Saunders and others thought it better to remain here and keep at work.

Messrs. Gandy, Moore, and others urged this recess of two days.

Mr. Downing moved to pass by, and Mr. Jones approved the motion, so that the Legislature had the right to pass such a measure.

Mr. Fowles thought the bill a proper one, but consented that it should be passed by.

House bills passed: To amend the charter of the Falls Church and Potomac Railroad.

To amend the Code in regard to the removal of causes.

To incorporate the Hitchcock-Trego Land, Lumber and Quarry Company.

House bills passed: To incorporate the Virginia State Bar Association.

To incorporate the Southern Coal and Iron Company.

Introduced and referred: By Mr. Miles: To increase the pay of supervisors of County roads.

By Mr. Mason: To prevent the importation and sale of peacock trees affected with peach yellow.

By Mr. Maynard: To incorporate the Portsmouth Sewerage Company.

By Mr. Dabney: To amend the Code in relation to payment of taxes by clerks of courts.

By Mr. Dabney: To repeal sections 1916 and 1922 of the Code of Virginia in relation to sealers of weights and measures.

By Mr. Curtis, by request: Partition of J. E. Goode, and others, of a company of a mine, to make it conform to the character of certain printing by one of the State contractors.

By Mr. Crockett: To amend the charter of the Tazewell Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

By Mr. Clegg: Making it unlawful for any person to own, keep or sell any peach, almond, apricot or nectarine tree known to be infected with the disease commonly designated as the "yellow," and to provide for the appointment of inspectors of orchards.

By Mr. Crockett: To amend the charter of the town of Pocahontas.

By Mr. Clegg: To punish, selling or furnishing cigarettes to minors.

By Mr. Kent: To incorporate the North-Western Baggage Railroad Company.

By Mr. Flood: To prescribe the time for holding the courts of the Fifth Judicial circuit.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

The Rev. Frank Stringfellow's Services Close—Missionsary Meeting.

The series of services which have been held for some ten days back at Christ Episcopal Church were closed last night. An immense congregation was present.

Mr. Little moved to amend by substituting Monday for Tuesday. There was abundance of work to do, and the Senate should adjourn to Monday.

The amendment was defeated and the resolution adopted.

THE GOVERNER EXPOSED.

The House, without division, agreed to the Senate resolution endorsing Governor McKinney's position on the State debt, as told him in his message to the General Assembly.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

The bill amending the law with reference to the negligence of railway employees came up for the third time on being ordered to its engrossment and then adjourned. The bill was only a short debate. The bill was ordered to its engrossment, and third reading will not be divided.

AGAINST WIFE-BEATERS.

Senators offered the following bill, which was appropriately referred:

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BONDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

The House, without division, agreed to requesting the following to provide for the funding of certain bonds issued for the redemption of the interest and the ultimate payment of the principal sum of money appearing due by the within bondholders.

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SENATOR EDWARD H. CONRAD.

He moved to amend by substituting Edward H. Conrad for Edward H. Conrad and submitted.

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